Clearance to Pending Hydro-Electrical Projects in Kerala

1470. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for Hydro-Electrical projects from Kerala is pending before the Central Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for early clearance of pending power projects in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Puyankutty HEP (2x120 MW) was cleared by CEA in January 1984 at an esfrmated cost of Rs. 250 crores. The project was sanctined by Planning Commission in August 1996 subject to clearance from forest angle. On recommendations of an expert committee constituted for in depth analysis of the project, the State Government has been asked to carry out certain studies pertaining to Environment Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment and Social Cost Benefit analysis. So far only environment Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment studies have been received and the matter is pending with the State Government to submit Social Cost Benefit analysis.

2. Adirapally HEP (2x80 MW) located on river Chalakudy was accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 22.4.1996 at an estimated cost of Rs.230.48 crores. The project has been cleared from environment angle in January 1998 and has also been accorded in principle clearance for diversion of 138.6 ha. of forest land. The project is awaiting investment decision by Planning Commission.

3. Detailed Project Reports of hydroelectric projects/ multipurpose schemes of Kerala as per details in Statement have been returned for re-submission mainly due to inter-state aspects involved.

Statement

Hydro Electric/Multipurpose Schemes of Kerala
Returned for Resubmission

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Installed Capacity [MW]	Date of Return	Remarks
1.	Kerala Bhawani	3x50=150	January 1992	Involves interstate aspect. Located in Cauvery basin.
2.	Mananthwdy [Multipurpose]	4x60=240	July 1980	-do-
3.	Pambar	2x15=30	March 1990	-do-
4.	Kuttiyadi Augmentation	2x50=100	May 1992	-do-
5.	Pandiar Punnapuzha	2x35=70	July 1982	Involves interstate aspect with Tamil Nadu
6.	Barapole	2x3+2x 1.5=9	August 1991	Involves interstate aspect with Karnataka
7.	Pallivasal Rehabilitation	3x20=60	April 1992	—
8.	Karapara - Kuriarikutty [Multipurpose]	2x12+ 3x20=84	May 1991	—